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In forest, brake, or den, As beasts excel cold rocks, and brambles rude:

Men, who their duties know; But know their rights, and knowing, dare maintain;

Prevent the long aim'd blow,

And crush the tyrant while they rend the chain:

These constitute a state, And sov'reign LAW, that states collected will, O'er thrones and globes clate

Sits Empress, crowning good, repressing ill;

Smit by her sacred frown,

The fiend discretion, like a vapour sinks, And e'en th' all dazzling crown,

Hides his faint rays and at her bidding shrinks, &c."

Perhaps this ode may teach us to explain, Why, matters went not otherwise in Spain.

Now show some learning, 'twill obtain

you fame,
And tell us all about the ancient name; Ebra, a passage-Shaphan a rabbit *-- mind, In both these words, Chaidaic roots we find, IBERIA and HISPANIA thence are brought, Which quickly give the derivation sought,

Of VIRIATUS sing, and tell us how The rugged Shepherd from his mountain's brow,

When Roman Eagles did his plains assail, "Rush'd like a torrent down upon the vale,

Sweeping" their forces from the bloody field;

In various battles made their leaders yield; And, for a season the confines of Spain, From Rome's all-conqu'ring legions did maintain.

When foul corruption o'er the Senate reign'd

And civil strife with Roman blood had stain'd

The Campus Martius; great Serrorius view,

T' IBERIA'S shores, retiring with a few Of Rome's LAST CITIZENS, and there erect A new republic, with whose force he

check'd+,

And in successive conflicts overcome, All the aristocratic power of Rome.

His government on virtue founded rose In strength superior to surrounding foes; From his peninsula, he always drove Each proud invaderwho against him strove; Till vile Perpenna sunk in treach'ry's flood,

With factious dagger drank his sacred blood.

By luxury debas'd, the Roman name, And Roman province soon a prey became To Visicoths led on by Leovigilde, Who many years, of Spain the empire held.

After long lapse, and many foreign shocks,

See fam'd Pelacio, on Asturia's rocks, Defeat the crescent, reinstate the cross And drive the Moors from Spain with little loss.

Now to your Imps, I vow and I declare, All this historic lingo makes me stare:

How does it touch the present state of Spain?

Good Mr. Querist, "'tis an alter'd day, Serrorius & co. (your Imps will say) Good Lord !--were Heroes and commanded men!

Again, unto your Imps, I say, how how?

Your Imps will say "such men are not there now;

For if they were, and ALL the SPANISH FOLK,

Determin'd to resist a tyrant's yoke ; The EMPEROR NAP, with his immense array,

In three short weeks, " they'd drive into the Sea,55

CALDERONE. Edenteculio, Jan. 3, 1809. To be continued.

HOPE AND LOVE; AN ALLEGORY.

 ${f W}_{f HEN}$ guilt had first provok'd the wrath of heaven,

And wretched man from paradise was driven;

Onward he mov'd with tottering steps and slow.

While every gesture spoke remorse and wo;

Dejected melancholy mark'd his air, His darken'd features clouded by despair; Without one cheering thought to soothe his breast,

He wander'd forth to seek a place of rest. All nature seem'd his deep distress to share,

Gloomy the skies, and heavy felt the air ; The flocks no more their wonted sports

pursu'd, Nor birds, that joyless morn, their songs renew'd,

An awe-struck silence every creature kept,

Save, that alternately, Eve sigh'd and wept.

^{*} Spain has always been famous for Rabbits, as a proof that they still abound there, see Bonaparie's address to the Corregidor of Madrid,

[†] A bone for the Belfast Critics.

Wearied at length in body and in mind, On a green bank their languid limbs reclin'd:

When Adam thus th' oppressive silence broke.

Amid deep sighs and groans the murmur spoke.

"O, thou great power! who mad'st us as we are,

And taughtst us to expect thy guardian

care, In pity take the life thy love bestow'd; Without thy favour, grievous is the load. Thy threat neddeath we earnestly implore, O! let us sink to sleep and wake no more." As thus he breath'd his thoughts in impious pray'r,

The heavens grew lighter, purer felt the

air, A glorious vision bless'd his wond'ring sight,

Array'd in silv'ry robes of ambient light, A female form, surpassing all that's fair, Her charms divine, her heavenly birth declare:

Our sire beheld with rapture, and surprize, The piercing brightness of her radiant eves

Her graceful brows adorn'd with op'ning flow'rs,

Breathing the fragrance of celestial bow-

ers; Her wings of azure, ting'd with gold be-

hind, Like eve's bright clouds, that sail along

the wind, While o'er her form a soft'ning veil was thrown,

Through which each beauty more attrac-

tive shone, Her snowy hand led forth a cherub child, In whose bright face perpetual pleasure

smil'd; Soft as they tread, fresh flow'rets kiss their

feet, The birds with rapturous notes their presence greet.

Arrived-the fair one: Adam thus ad-

dre: ..'d, Her tones harmonious thrill'd his glad'ning

breast: " Cease, mortals, thus to blame thy Ma-

ker's plan, All heaven admires his won'drous love to

man, Behold he sends us from the realms above, My name is Hope, this beauteous child is

Love; We come to ease thy cares, to soothe thy strife:

And soften all the rugged paths of life; To all thy race our blessings shall extend, But chief the virtuous ever most befriend, With this celestial child to thee is given, A foretaste of those joys prepar'd in heaven,

While I that beaven shall place before their eyes,

Attend through life, and guide them to the skies."

Here ceas'd her balmy words-but in his breast,

The glowing visions strongly were impress'd.

Mean time, fair Eve had caught the lovely boy,

And prest him in her arms with matron joy ;

Had eas'd her weary head upon his breast. And, like an infant, smil'd herself to rest.

Enraptur'd Adam, view'd her o'er and o'er,

And saw new beauties, still unmark'd before,

Then sunk beside her, and in sweet repose,

Forgot awhile, his blessing and his woes,

Morn's ruddy streaks soon chas'd the balmy night,

The glorious sun shed floods of golden light;

Young nature, vigorous from her short repose,

The grateful incense, heaven-ward, smiling throws;

All creatures wake to life, and peace, and joy,

And various powers in pleasing cares employ:

The glittering insects hum their matin SODT.

Unnumber'd birdstheir joyful hymns prolong,

The pearly dew falls off, in fragrant showers,

From spaugled beds of brilliant op'ning flowers;

Last, man awakes, fresh as the new-born day,

While Love and Hope, within his bosom play:

From this blest morn, no more, he turns his eves,

With lingering gaze, toward Eden's happy skies.

No more regrets those lovely blissful seats But cheer'd by hope's gay scenes, his fortune meets,

Feels now his Paradise within his mind, Gives heaven the praise, and meets its will resign'd.

Belfast, Dec. 28, 1808. DELIA.